

10 February 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant, Research and Reports

SUBJECT: Comments on Suggestion 421

1. I believe our original evaluation of this suggestion was correct-namely, that the "utmost conciseness" type of US News and World Report is unsuitable for ORR/ERA reports. Our typical research product is not intended for the President's personal reading, but the Bulletin and other Office of Current Intelligence publications are.

2. Drafts of ORR/ERA research reports go to our current support staff (St/CS) upon completion and prior to editing and publication. If St/CS believes the conclusions in a research report would be of interest to the President or to other policy-making officials of the Government, St/CS prepares a concise gist of the report's conclusions and submits it to the OCI Publications Board for use in the Bulletin or in other OCI publications. Therefore, in CIA we do have publication media where the "utmost conciseness" doctrine is appropriate and is followed.

3. For the reasons stated in our original evaluation of suggestion 421 the present fuller and more rounded statement of conclusions is considered appropriate in the Summary of ORR/ERA research reports.

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